

SC Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2008

Attendees:

Beth Crocker	SCDA
Frank Blum	SC Seafood Alliance
Bill Brooks	Ret. SCDA
Holly Harring	USC
Barbara Lupo	Clemson Extension Svc.
Katherine Cason	Clemson Univ.
Susan Collier	SCDHEC Reg. 3
Allison Schaum	Palmetto Ag Consultants
Carol Chiv	DHEC Obesity Div.
Lara Peck	SC Healthy Schools, SCDE
Kimberly Johnson	Harvest Hope Food Bank
George Estes	SC PRT
Debbie Riley	Society of Saint Andrew
Susan Frost	SCDHEC
Diane Conte	Prevention Partners, Emp. Ins. Program
Ansley Rast	SCDA
Amy London	SCDA
Laura Greenwold	SCDA
Joe James	CEO
Alan Moore	Lowcounty Local First
Phyllis Allen	SCDHEC Nutrition
Juanita Bowens	SCDE Nutrition/School food
Jenny Osterman	Hub City Farmers' Market

Beth Crocker made introductions and welcomed members.

Amy Splittgerber gave a presentation on Eat Smart Move More SC.

Announcements were made about information provided by members.

2009 Summit will be April 22-23, 2009.

Mentioned putting list of Food Policy Council members on SCDA's FPC webpage.

Attendees divided into three groups to discuss 2008 FPC Recommendations:

Group 1:

Group 2: discussed farm-to-school programs in SC

Look at Farm Bill priorities(?) – 25 school snack program - \$10,000 per school

Pickens – really wants school gardens.

What policies can be enacted if Farm-to-School Bill doesn't pass this year?

Farm-to-school distributors' conference?

SCDA partner with School Food Service (DOE) and Clemson.

Workshop- inviting distributors to a one-day conference to talk about what DOE is going to be looking for when they review 2009 school food service bids.

Saving costs b/c they will be saving(?) a certain % of their contracts from local foods.

Farm-to-school – July 17 meeting – regional farm-to-school network. SC in a position to lead on this?

Anderson County, partnering with Clemson and Palmetto group to implement a farm-to-school program in Anderson districts 2, 3, and 5.

1. Meeting with food distributors – biggest hurdle to overcome.
2. What produce will they be supplying schools with? What's in season? Adding an educational component to the program.

Kickoff – August 2008 – watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

Promoting in the school – pictures of farms and produce; reconnecting students with their food.

They will also want to have farm tours and cooking demonstrations in the future.

(In Britain, all kids are required to take cooking classes?)

-Meat and dairy – issues for the future.

Having hydroponic tomatoes and strawberries in Feb?

-Focusing on elementary, but program is for all 3 grade levels (there's more grant money available for elementary)

-Materials for kids to take home to their parents.

-Food insecurity – more awareness of food insecurity in SC and plans or actions that can be taken to change this.

-Clemson's sustainable ag group to become involved – Jeff Zader.

-Video conferencing? ETV – to get greater participation across the state.

-Technical schools have these capabilities – could we partner with them for FPC mtgs?

-Letter to the editor that the FPC exists and to let them know.

-Prioritize issues – basis for press release and recommendations.

Group 3:

Certified SC

-push for identifying locally grown food when used

-showing value to farmers

Farm Trust, etc.

-aging farmers

-need new farmers:

Farmland trust

CFSA

Recruiting farmers – immigrant, Farm Bureau, Clemson Univ.

Farmer Co-op

Umbrella policies for insurance

Market Maker

Listing of food rescue